

Appln. No. 10/693,849
Amendment

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 5-11 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 5 have been amended, claims 2-4 have been cancelled, and claims 6-11 have been added by this amendment. Reconsideration and allowance of Applicant's claims are respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

Claims 1 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Faulhaber (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2001/0009207).

As amended, independent claim 1 recites, among other things, "a plurality of axial sections positioned within the outer casing and surrounding the inner cylindrical support drum." Faulhaber does not describe or suggest at least this feature of amended claim 1. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.


Claim 5 depends from claim 1, and is believed to be allowable for at least the reasons given for claim 1.

It is respectfully submitted that all claims are in condition for allowance, and early notice of the same is respectfully solicited. If any questions remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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